

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The final Office Action dated November 1, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Amendment, Applicant amends claims 52 and 62. Accordingly, claims 43, 44 and 47-62 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 62 is objected to because of minor typographical errors. Applicant respectfully requests that this objection be withdrawn in view of the current amendments in claim 62.

In addition, the Examiner rejected claims 43-44 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishiguchi (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,787); rejected claims 48, 50, 52-56, 58-60 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Moseley et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,046,849); rejected claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Deanne et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,627,305); and rejected claim 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi and Moseley et al. in view of Deanne et al.; rejected claim 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Franklin et al. (E.P. Patent Application No. 0477882 A2); rejected claim 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi and Moseley et al. in view of Franklin et al.

The rejection of claims 43-44 and 49 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nishiguchi is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim 43 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 43 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "...the first linearly polarized light being substantially perpendicular to the second linearly polarized light..." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 43, and claims 44 and 49, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner cites Nishiguchi as teaching the aforementioned feature stating, "...the first linearly polarized light being substantially perpendicular to the second linearly polarized light (column 16, lines 6-24 and lines 48-53)..." Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Nishiguchi at Col. 16, lines 16-20 discloses, "[t]hus, the light beam emitted from liquid crystal display panel 111 and passing through polarization film 101b and optical element 106 is turned to **circularly polarized light** beam of which direction of rotation reversed alternately at every column of pixels." [emphasis added] Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that nowhere does Nishiguchi disclose the aforementioned feature, and that Nishiguchi actually teaches away from the teaching of the present application.

The rejection of claims 48, 50, 52-56, 58-60 and 62 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Moseley et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that because Moseley et al. fails to cure the deficient teaching of Nishiguchi discussed with respect to claim 43, claims 48 and 50 are allowable over the cited references.

Claim 52 is allowable over the cited references in that claim 52 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "... forming a retardation layer having first and second polarizing cell areas corresponding to the first and second pixels over the display panel by a single light irradiation through a mask, the first and second polarizing cell areas outputting first and second linearly polarized lights, respectively, the first linearly polarized light being substantially perpendicular to the second linearly polarized light." None of the cited references, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 52, and claims 53-56, 58-60 and 62, which depend therefrom, are allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 47 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Deanne et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that because Deanne et al. fails to cure the deficient teaching of Nishiguchi discussed with respect to claim 43, claim 47 is allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 57 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi and Moseley et al. in view of Deanne et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that because Moseley et al. and Deanne et al. fail to cure the deficient teaching of Nishiguchi discussed with respect to claim 52, claim 57 is allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi in view of Franklin et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that because Franklin et al. fails to cure the deficient teaching of Nishiguchi discussed with respect to claim 43, claim 51 is allowable over the cited references.

The rejection of claim 61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nishiguchi and Moseley et al. in view of Franklin et al. is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicant respectfully submits that because Moseley et al. and Franklin et al. fail to cure the deficient teaching of Nishiguchi discussed with respect to claim 52, claim 61 is allowable over the cited references.

Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the

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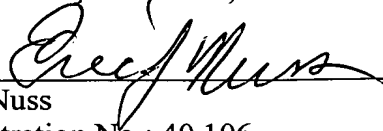
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